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**EXTENDING WINTER SHELTER ACCESS FOR THE HOMELESS**

On September 29, 2015, the Board of Supervisors extended access to winter shelters in recognition of the potential impact to the homeless population due to the El Nino event this winter season. The motion requested the Winter Shelter Program operated in partnership with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to begin operations six weeks earlier on October 15, 2015 and end on March 15, 2016 for the 2015-16 winter season.

After the passage of the September 29, 2015 motion, the Board learned that not all winter shelters were able to commence on the effective date of October 15, 2015. In response to the delay in opening some of the winter shelters, on October 27, 2015, the Board approved a motion to allow all shelters to utilize all 153 days of designated funding.

The October 27, 2015 motion will allow a majority of the winter shelters to remain accessible to the homeless population until March 31, 2016 with the exception of the locations in Bell, Pomona and Lancaster which are scheduled to close on March 15, 2016. If these shelters remain open until March 31, 2016, they will have been open longer than 153 days. In addition, two buildings at the former High Desert Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (High Desert MACC) opened as a winter shelter site pursuant to the Board's October 20, 2015 declaration of a shelter crisis in accordance with Government Code Sections 8698 et seq. (Shelter Crisis Declaration). The Shelter Crisis Declaration was declared for the period of October 15, 2015 through March 15, 2016. High Desert MACC is scheduled to close on March 15, 2016. All four locations are serving a high number of homeless individuals with a majority of the locations above ninety percent daily capacity.

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In anticipation of the March 15, 2016 closure of the four locations mentioned above, the County consulted with the National Weather Service and were briefed that the entire month of March will continue to carry a significant threat from the predicted El Nino event. The homeless population is at high risk of injury and harm due to exposure to the elements and due to other health, safety and welfare-related circumstances of being homeless. Winter shelters provide warmth, food and comfort to homeless individuals and it is important the County continues to dedicate resources to those most in need during this El Nino event. Additionally, the Augmented Winter Shelters need to remain available for activation through March 31, 2016, should their activation be warranted based on the weather conditions. Funding previously identified for the Winter Shelter Program and Augmented Winter Shelter Program is projected to be sufficient to cover the cost of this extension

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project as defined by Section 15378 of the State California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that pursuant to Government Code Sections 8698 et seq., during the period of the most recent forecasted storm season and El Nino conditions, which includes the period from October 15, 2015 through March 31, 2016, a significant number of persons within the County are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.
3. Adopt the amended resolution extending the period of the Board's October 20, 2015 Shelter Crisis Declaration by 16 additional days from the current end date of March 15, 2016 to March 31, 2016. The new Shelter Crisis Declaration period will be from October 15, 2015 through March 31, 2016, as a result of which declaration the provisions of any State or local regulatory statute, regulation or ordinance prescribing standards of housing, health or safety shall be suspended with respect to County and/or public facilities being used as temporary shelters pursuant to this action, to the extent that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis.
4. Authorize the winter shelters in Bell, Pomona, Lancaster and the former High Desert Multi-Service Center to extend their closure date from March 15, 2016 to March 31, 2016.

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5. Direct the CEO and the Homeless Initiative to work with LAHSA and the providers in Bell, Pomona, Lancaster and High Desert MACC to keep the winter shelters in those locations open until March 31, 2016, and to activate Augmented Winter Shelters through March 31, 2016, as dictated by the weather.

6. Authorize the CEO or her designee to take any other actions consistent with and necessary for the implementation of the foregoing actions.

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**AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY  
OF LOS ANGELES EXTENDING THE DATE OF THE SHELTER CRISIS TO  
PROVIDE EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SHELTER IN COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 8698 through 8698.2 permit the governing body of a political subdivision of the state to declare a shelter crisis.

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 8698 et seq. provide authority for the County to address the need for emergency shelters when a significant number of persons within its jurisdiction are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.

WHEREAS, under the conditions set forth in Government Code Sections 8698 et seq., the provisions of any state or local regulatory statute, regulation, or ordinance prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety shall be suspended to the extent that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis.

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2015, pursuant to Government Code Sections 8698 et seq., the Board adopted a resolution declaring a shelter crisis during the period of October 15, 2015 through March 15, 2016 (Shelter Crisis Declaration).

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the March 15, 2016 date and impending closure of certain temporary emergency shelters, the County consulted with the National Weather Service and was briefed that the entire month of March will continue to carry a significant threat from the predicted El Nino event.

WHEREAS, the homeless population continues to be at high risk of injury and harm due to exposure to the elements and due to other health, safety and welfare-related circumstances of being homeless.

WHEREAS, this Amended Resolution is necessary to extend the period of the October 20, 2015 Shelter Crisis Declaration by 16 additional days from the current end date of March 15, 2016 to March 31, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

- (1) The Board adopts the recitals above as findings and determinations.
- (2) The Board finds that pursuant to Government Code Sections 8698 et seq., during the period of the most recent forecasted storm season and El Nino conditions, which includes the period from October 15, 2015 through March 31, 2016, a significant number of persons within the County are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.
- (3) Pursuant to Government Code Sections 8698 et seq., the County extends the period of the Board's October 20, 2015 Shelter Crisis Declaration by 16 additional days from the current end date of March 15, 2016 to March 31, 2016. The amended Shelter Crisis Declaration period will be from October 15, 2015 through March 31, 2016, as a result of which declaration the provisions of any State or local regulatory statute, regulation or ordinance prescribing standards of housing, health or safety shall be suspended with respect to County and/or public facilities being used as temporary shelters pursuant to this action, to the extent that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis.
- (4) All other Sections of the October 20, 2015 Shelter Crisis Resolution remain in effect.

The foregoing resolution was on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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